

1                               **BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD**  
2                               **OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

3 In the Matter of

4 **VALENTINE E. OKON, P.A.**

5 Holder of License No. **2363**  
6 for the Performance of Healthcare Tasks  
7 In the State of Arizona.

**CASE NO. PA-09-0078A**

**INTERIM ORDER FOR PHYSICIAN  
ASSESSMENT AND CLINICAL  
EDUCATION (PACE) EVALUATION**

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9       At its public meeting on November 18, 2009, the Arizona Regulatory Board of  
10 Physician Assistants ("Board") held a Formal Interview in the Matter of Valentine E. Okon  
11 ("Respondent"), case no. PA-09-0032A. After full consideration of the record and the  
12 applicable law in the case, the Board voted to issue Respondent a Letter of Reprimand for  
13 unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. §32-2501(j) and (p). The Board also expressed  
14 concern that Respondent may lack the fund of medical knowledge necessary to ensure his  
15 ability to safely to perform healthcare tasks. Based upon these concerns, the Board voted,  
16 pursuant to its authority under A.R.S. § 32-2551(E) and (H)(3), to require Respondent to  
17 undergo, at his own expense, a Physician Assessment and Clinical Education ("PACE")  
18 program evaluation in the general fund of medical knowledge. The Board agreed to  
19 schedule this matter for further discussion upon Respondent's completion of the PACE  
20 evaluation.  
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22 **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

23       (1) Respondent shall, at Respondent's own expense, enroll, schedule, pay any  
24 fees, and submit his application with any required materials, within **30 days** to PACE to  
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1 determine his general fund of medical knowledge. Respondent shall notify the Board  
2 immediately upon scheduling the evaluation.

3 (2) Respond shall sign a consent form to release all confidential evaluation  
4 and/or treatment records to the Board. Respondent shall abide by any recommendations  
5 made by the PACE evaluators. Board Staff shall provide Respondent with all necessary  
6 information to register for the evaluation. Any and all reports, assessments or other  
7 documents generated by PACE shall be forwarded by PACE to the Board for review. The  
8 Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate a new action based upon the results of the  
9 PACE evaluation.

10 (3) Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the PACE evaluators.

11 (4) Because Respondent is undergoing the evaluation under Board Order he  
12 shall instruct any attorney retained on his behalf not to contact the PACE evaluators.. Any  
13 questions or concerns must be addressed to Board staff.

14 (5) After Respondent completes the PACE evaluation, Board staff shall  
15 schedule this matter for further discussion by the Board.


16 (6) This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the  
17 pending investigative file and as such is subject to modification and further consideration  
18 by the Board. Any violation of the Interim Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and  
19 may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-2501(27)(dd) and 32-2551.

20 DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.



ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD  
OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

By

  
LISA S. WYNN  
Executive Director

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
2 20 day of November, 2009 with:

3 The Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants  
4 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road  
5 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

6 Executed copy of the foregoing  
7 mailed by U.S. Mail this 20 day  
8 of November, 2009, to:

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14 Arizona Regulatory Board  
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